

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 15-44 without prejudice as being drawn to unelected subject matter.

{ Please replace claim 2 with the following amended claim: }

2. An antibody, or a fragment or derivative thereof, that selectively binds an ectodomain of an EC RTP/DEP-1.

C3 { Please replace claim 3 with the following amended claim: }

3. The antibody of claim 2, which selectively binds an eight amino acid epitope having the sequence QSRDTEVL (SEQ ID NO: 1) or an analog of the eight amino acid epitope having the sequence QSRDTEVL (SEQ ID NO: 1) of the EC RTP/DEP-1 ectodomain.

{ Please replace claim 5 with the following amended claim: }

C4 5. The antibody of claim 4, which is monoclonal antibody EC RTPAb-1, having a molecular weight of about 150 kDa and which selectively binds to an ectodomain of the EC RTP/DEP-1.

{ Please replace claim 10 with the following amended claim: }

C5 10. The antibody of claim 8, which selectively binds an eight amino acid epitope having the sequence QSRDTEVL (SEQ ID NO: 1) or an analog of an eight